EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

1.   An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes

and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided

by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be

submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview

with Frank L. Cire on 3/3/2010.

The application has been amended as follows:

(1) Claim 7 now reads "A <u>non-transitory</u> storage medium having a print control

program to be executed by a computer stored therein in a computer-readable form,

wherein the program comprises:

a spooling step of spooling print data created and spooled via a printer driver;

an outputting step of outputting the spooled print data to an original destination

printer;

a changing step of changing a printing destination from the original destination

printer to an alternation destination printer before said spooling step has completed the

spooling of the print data and before said outputting step has completed the outputting

of the spooled print data to the original destination printer; and

a control step of canceling the outputting of the spooled print data to the original

destination printer without canceling the spooling of the print data, concurrently

performing the spooling of a portion of the print data which has not yet been spooled

such that the spooling is performed after a portion of the print data already spooled

without restarting from the beginning, and performing the outputting of a portion of the print data spooled before the changing in said changing step to the alternation destination printer."

(2) Claim 13 no reads "An information processing apparatus for exerting print control, comprising:

a spooling unit, adapted for spooling print data created and spooled via a print data creation module;

an outputting unit, adapted for outputting the spooled print data to an original destination printer;

a changing unit, adapted for changing a printing destination from the original destination printer to an alternation destination printer before said spooling unit has completed the spooling of the print data and before said outputting unit has completed the outputting of the spooled print data to the original destination printer; and

a control unit, adapted for canceling the outputting of the spooled print data to the original destination printer without canceling the spooling of the print data, concurrently performing the spooling of a portion of the print data which has not yet been spooled such that the spooling is performed after a portion of the print data already spooled without restarting from the beginning, and performing the outputting of a portion of the print data spooled before the changing by said changing unit to the alternation destination printer;

<u>wherein at least one of the units is a hardware unit</u>."

2.   The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:

(1) Claims 7-18 are directed to an information processing apparatus and a storage medium having a print control program stored in a non-transitory computer-readable form. Claims 7 and 13 identify the uniquely distinct feature of having a control step switching destination printers while continuing spooling print data and transfer the outputted data and spooling data without restarting from the beginning. Examiner agrees with all of applicant's arguments submitted on 12/11/2009, therefore allowance has been granted.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to LENNIN R. RODRIGUEZ whose telephone number is (571)270-1678. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday - Thursday 7:30am - 6:00pm EST.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Mark Zimmerman can be reached on (571) 272-7653. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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